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Applicant: Cepeda

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
ALLOCATING OPERATING  
EXPENSES

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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests consideration and entry of the following amendment: